

LESSON
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PRACTICE WORKSHEET B

COPYMASTER

Writing Introductions

Directions: The boxed text is prewriting—notes for an essay. The essay needs an introduction. Respond to each prompt in order to draft an effective introduction.

Topic: the benefits of volunteering to help others

Purpose: to explain why volunteer work is important to volunteers and to the people they help

Audience: students your own age.

Rough Draft of One Paragraph: Helping others is good for the person who volunteers. Volunteers gain new experiences, learn new skills, and meet new people. And making their community a better place gives volunteers a sense of accomplishment and power—they learn that they can change things if they try.

Writing 22

1. Write a **thesis statement** for your essay.

2. Draft an introduction for the essay that begins by **posing a question**. Include your thesis statement in your introduction.

3. Draft an introduction for the essay that begins by **addressing the reader directly**. Include your thesis statement in your introduction.

4. What is the **lead** in the introduction you write in item 3?

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